

Stillwater Timberlands Community Advisory Group

February 26th 2003

Minutes

Coast Hotel

Attendance: refer to attached sheet

Quorum noted

6:00pm: Dinner

6:15pm: Meeting called to order

Quorum noted

Acceptance of Agenda and additions

Agenda was reviewed and additions made. Agenda accepted as amended

Review of Minutes

Minutes of February 12th were reviewed and amended.
Accepted as amended.

Question for Weyerhaeuser

Member noted that information was requested regarding logging plans in the Wildwood area. It was noted that there was no Weyerhaeuser representative present due to illness.

ACTION – Facilitator will get information regarding logging plans for area noted on map.

Review of Action List

Action list from February 12th was reviewed.

Introductions

Guest was welcomed to meeting and introduced to members.

Indicator Sub-Committee Report

Indicator sub-committee reported that a meeting was held regarding the re-wording of indicators. Handout was provided. Items discussed were the use of herbicides and pesticides and Weyerhaeuser's commitment to continue to search for alternatives. Member asked what efforts have been made to develop alternatives. Suggestion that a quarterly report to CAG on the amount of herbicide and pesticide use would be useful and informative. Suggested reportable alternatives -(location, time and money spent) would be brushing, and fungus control (salmonberry).

ACTION – Letter to be drafted to Weyerhaeuser requesting quarterly reporting to CAG on herbicide and pesticide use and on the use of alternatives. Also suggest to Weyerhaeuser that quarterly reporting be put into the indicators. Also suggest re-wording of indicators.

Facilitator noted that maybe a footnote with CAG's suggestions could be added to the document.

Member noted that it was now easier, as a result of the Stillwater Pilot Project, to apply for permits for pesticide and herbicide use.

Suggested indicator changes were discussed as follows:

Pages 10 & 11

Critical Element

Water resources are conserved if water quality and quantity are maintained

Value

Water quality

Goal

No use of herbicides or pesticides in TFL 39 Block 1 or

Block 5

Objective

No use of herbicides or pesticides

Indicator #34

Amount of herbicide or pesticide use in TFL 39 Block 1 or Block 5 as reported quarterly to CAG

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Critical Element

Forests are managed in ways that reflect social values and are responsive to changes in those values

Value

Responsiveness to local social values

Goal

Consultation with the public

Objective

No use of herbicides or pesticides in TFL 39 Block 1 or

Block 5

Indicator

Amount of herbicide or pesticide use in TFL 39 Block 1 or Block 5 as reported quarterly to CAG

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Critical Element#20

Forests are managed in ways that reflect social values and are

responsive to changes in those values

Value

Forest practices that reflect current social values

Goal#20

Local SFM plans incorporate and embody values and goals as expressed by the Community Advisory Group to Stillwater Timberlands

Objective#20

Research and implementation of alternatives to herbicide and pesticide use within TFL 39 Block 1 and Block 5

Indicator # 112

Allocation of resources to the development and implementation of non-herbicide and non-pesticide alternatives specific to current herbicide and pesticide uses as reported quarterly to CAG

Member requested that copies of pesticide use application permits be made available to CAG.

ACTION - Ask Weyerhaeuser about whether copies of herbicide use applications are available to CAG.

Members were asked whether there were further questions or suggestions regarding indicators. Members noted that the herbicide/pesticide issue was an important item and noted that CAG had reached consensus on their goal of no use of herbicide or pesticides in TFL39 block 1. It was noted that answers were needed as to why the use of herbicides and pesticides were necessary.

Chair thanked the sub-committee for the work they had done on the indicator review.

Forest Week – May 4-10 2003

Facilitator noted that funds from the Canadian Forest Council

may be available for the promotion of Forest week.

ACTION – Facilitator will e-mail Canadian Forest Council and get more information on funds available for promotion of Forest week and CAG Open house.

It was noted that the theme for this year would be "Sustainable Forests". Members agreed that they were in favour of holding another "Open House" and agreed that sometime during the week of May 4-10 would be a good time to hold it. Previous open house that was held was described for the benefit of new members. Members were asked for suggestions for open house and photos from previous open house will be located.

ACTION – Facilitator will locate photos from previous open house.

Facilitator suggested that Open House sub-committee get together to start planning Open House. One new member volunteered to join the sub-committee.

ACTION – Planning meeting to be held by sub-committee for Open House in May. Sub-committee will report back to group.

Certification Watch Conference Mar 25-29th 2003

Facilitator noted that three members were planning to attend the Conference. It was noted that a booth would be available for the four BC Coastal Advisory Groups. Suggested items for the booth were photos of the group at Phillip's Arm, recreation maps, Powell River travel brochures, Pilot Project information, variable retention pictures, FSP audit photos.

ACTION – Items for booth at conference to be submitted by March 15th.

Facilitator suggested a group photo and a handout with brief description of members and organizations they represent.

ACTION – Group photo to be taken at next meeting – March 12th, 2003.

ACTION – Facilitator will draft handout and send out to members for approval by e-mail.

It was also noted that the three websites will be available for viewing at the conference. It was noted that the proceeds from the sale of recreation maps would be donated to the Marmot research project on Vancouver Island. Facilitator noted that 450 people are expected to attend the conference.

Local Log Sales Information – Jan 2003

It was reported that 657 cubic meters, mostly cedar, was sold to local businesses in the month of January. Member asked how much of that went to Goat Lake Forest products. It was noted that monthly reports should reflect CAG's needs and if more information required it could be requested. Member asked how much wood was sold elsewhere. It was noted that logs are not being exported at the same rate as they were before. It was noted that logs go on the local market for one month before being made available for export. Questions will be forwarded to Rod.

ACTION – Questions regarding log sales to be forwarded to Rod.

Future Speakers

Facilitator asked for suggestions for future speakers.

Members asked for:

Someone to explain what a "working forest" is.

Forestry technician speaker to explain the new Forest Practices Code.

Local and global market analyst.

Speaker on wildcrafting and non-timber uses of the forest – Fidel Fogarty

Speaker with more information and update on Biosolids

Information on plans for Norske lands in Wildwood after logging is complete

Facilitator noted that plans were underway to arrange for speakers.

Question - Member asked the status of the Biosolids issue.

Answer - Provincial government (MWALP) has still not approved permit

QMI Audit Summary

Handout of audit summary was provided. Member asked about formal audit on herbicide/pesticide indicator that was requested.

ACTION – Question on formal audit of indicator regarding herbicide and pesticide use to be forwarded to auditor.

Member asked about chain of custody and CSA approved logs – would like to see CSA Chain of Custody pursued.

ACTION – Question will be forwarded to Rod on status of chain of custody procedures.

Member would like follow up on non-conformance re overcutting into one of the cutblocks into buffer zone. (ST-45)

ACTION – Question will be forwarded to Rod- follow up on non-conformance re overcutting into one of the cutblocks into buffer zone. (ST-45)

BREAK

Members' Reports

Members handed in written reports and reported with feedback from their constituents and described how they communicate with others regarding CAG. It was noted that members communicated with tourists, business clients and personal acquaintances and at monthly business and recreational meetings.

Value-added business discussion

It was noted that the value-added sector had declined in the Powell River area.

Question - Member asked why small local value-added businesses had difficulties.

Answer – Log supply – difficult to get small quantities of the right type of wood on time.

Question – Is there a better future for value added businesses since large mills are downsizing?

Answer – Not downsizing – mills are upsizing – If wood that is made into 2x4's at \$400 per thousand was made into flooring, it would be worth much more -(\$2,400 per 1000).

Question – What about other facilities on the lower coast?

Answer – Quesnel got a large facility through Forest Renewal BC. There is a feasibility study being done for the lower Sunshine Coast. Granville Island market store has helped a lot of craftsmen with marketing, and some products will be going to Seattle in the future.

It was noted that small local businessmen find it hard to market products so co-op marketing makes it easier for them.

Risk Management Policies

Member asked about risk management policies for the TFL and how decisions are made.

ACTION – Question on risk management policies – how decisions are made -will be forwarded to Rod.

Other Business

Request for alternate

Members noted that many questions were unanswered due to the absence of a Weyerhaeuser representative. It was suggested that in future, Rod could send an alternate if not able to attend.

Members also noted that the resource people such as Ministry of Forests should have attended CAG meetings more often, especially since there have been so many changes in the Forest Practices code, creating many shortcuts for timber licenses.

ACTION – Please note in writing to request an alternate when Rod unable to be at meetings, and also request that more resource people and standing members attend meetings.

CAG's mandate regarding Biosolids

Discussion on Biosolids and whether it was CAG's business to get involved with Norske lands. It was discussed and noted that plans were also being made for the application of Biosolids on TFL 39 Block 1. It was agreed that CAG members could indicate what should happen regarding TFL 39 block 1.

Chair noted that other issues have come before CAG that can be educational but not within the TFL. (e.g. Millennium Park, private land issues, sale of the dry land sort etc). It was noted that arrangements are being made for another speaker on the subject of Biosolids in March.

Herbicides and Pesticides

Member asked about consensus of the group on the use of herbicides, and it was noted that it was not unanimous - some members were in agreement with "responsible use where necessary", but the consensus of the group was *no herbicide use*.

Question – Member asked what the criteria for evaluation was for the use of herbicides.

ACTION - Question will be forwarded to Rod regarding criteria for evaluation regarding the use of herbicides and pesticides.

Facilitator noted that there would be a *Question and Suggestion* box available at meetings, and members were invited to use the box.

Meeting adjourned 8:50pm

Stillwater Timberlands Advisory Group		
Feb 26th 2003		
Attendance		
Name	Position	Member Seat
<u>PRESENT</u>		
Ken Jackson - Vice-Chair	Primary	Recreation
Eagle Walz Chair	Primary	Recreation
Jane Cameron	Alternate	Recreation
Michael Conway-Brown	Primary	Environment

Patrick Brabazon	Primary	Local Govt (Regional)
Russell Storry	Alternate	Local Govt (Municipal)
Nancy Hollmann	Primary	Environment
Dave Rees	Alternate	Tourism
Joanne Cameron-Nordell	Primary	Local Business
Dianne Mason	Alternate	Education
Peter Ranger	Primary	Forest Dependent
Dave Perrin	Alternate	IWA
Debby Waslewski	Primary	Citizens
<i>12 seats represented</i>		
<u>ABSENT</u>		
David Gabelhouse	Primary	Local Govt (Municipal)
Sonny Rioux	Primary	IWA
Lorne Marr	Alternate	Recreation
Terry Peters	Alternate	Citizens
George Ferreira	Alternate	Local Business
Jack McClinchey	Primary	Motorized Recreation
John Passek	Alternate	Motorized Recreation

Kathleen O'Neil	Primary	Education
Rory Maitland	Primary	Contractors
Bill Maitland	Alternate	Contractors
Paul Holbrook	Alternate	Forest Dependent
Andrew Pinch	Primary	Tourism
Jason Lennox	Alternate	Tourism
Christine Hollmann	Alternate	Environment
Resource – other		
Barb Rees	Guest	
Cathy Bartfai	Facilitator	
Pam Dowding	Secretary	